

57. A thin film transistor according to claim 36 wherein said semiconductor film is intrinsic or substantially intrinsic.

58. A thin film transistor according to claim 37 wherein said semiconductor film is intrinsic or substantially intrinsic.

59. A thin film transistor according to claim 38 wherein said semiconductor film is intrinsic or substantially intrinsic.--

REMARKS

The Examiner's Official Action dated February 18, 1998 has been received and its contents carefully noted.

Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for a Two Month Extension of Time* which extends the shortened statutory period of response to July 18, 1998. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timely filed.

Initially, Applicants note that the cover page of the office action indicates that claims 33-48 are pending. Applicants believe that claims 23-48 are pending in the present application.

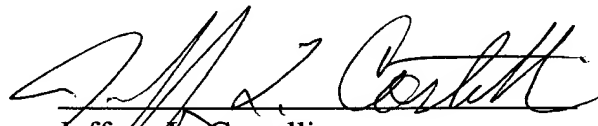
With respect to the rejection of claims based on Sugano et al., although Applicants continue to disagree with this rejection and reserve the right to file a divisional application including claims of similar scope, claims 23, 25, 27, 33-38 are amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 39-48 and, thus, claims 39-48 are cancelled. This should place claims 23-38 in a condition for allowance.

Claims 23, 25, 27, 33-38 are also amended to remove the limitation relating to intrinsic and substantially intrinsic semiconductor layer. This limitation is now recited in new claims 50-59.

New claim 49 is also added which is similar to claim 23. This claim should likewise be considered allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that claims 23-38 be allowed, that new claims 49-59 be allowed and that the application be passed to issue. If a conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

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